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OUR FIRST WORLD CUP TIE MAY BE NEXT OCT.

By Lou Gautier

Australia may be called on to play a match in the World Cup preliminary round as early as next month, and the venue could well be in Korea or South Africa.

This is the belief of Australian Federation officials following a stream of letters from FIFA attached with entry forms and questionnaires on various aspects of the Australian national team.

Squad picked soon

The Australian Federation last week appointed a committee to prepare Australia for the eventuality of a World Cup match at short notice.

The committee, which will meet next weekend, includes Australian Federation vice-chairman Jim Bayutti, Michael Weinstein of Victoria and Tasmania's experienced Vic Tutting, a member of the national executive.

Jim Bayutti said yesterday that his committee would immediately select a squad of players in readiness of the World Cup preliminaries.

The Australian Federation seriously considered engaging the services of a top class overseas coach with the specific purpose of preparing the Australian team. Jim Bayutti said.

● Migrants eligible

Everton's Ron Lewin or Tommy Eggleston are likely to be contacted as both intimated that they would like to coach in Australia.

Every State Federation has been asked to send a short list of their best players available so that these may be assembled for final selection to avoid the intensive interstate travelling Jim Kelly had to undertake before the Everton tour.

The Australian Federation's enthusiasm for the World Cup stems from a confidential FIFA report that the FIFA Congress at Tokyo next October is practically certain to reverse its ban on foreign-born players representing their adopted countries in international competition.

The influential FIFA executive will strongly recommend that the ban be lifted and the vast majority of member countries are assured to follow the executive's direction.

This means that Australia can be represented in World Cup matches by any naturalized player as long as he has not played for his former country.

In Australia this clause would rule out Karl Jaros, Herbert Ninaus, Leo Baumgartner, Trevor Edwards, Ron Hewitt, Des Palmer and other former European internationals.

Players in transit like the Argentines, Yugoslavs and Poles now in Sydney and Melbourne, naturally cannot take part in the World Cup for Australia.

British players qualify automatically as Australian citizens after six months in the country.

Since the Federation will not spare any cost to ensure that Australia makes a worthy international debut, as the appointment of an overseas coach shows, Australia can be expected to field its best team in the preliminary rounds of the World Cup.

Australia's opponents in the Asian sub-group of the Afro-Asian zone are South Africa, South Korea and North Korea.

South Africa will be represented by a native team to comply with FIFA's wishes and both Koreas have agreed to take part in the series although they will have to play each other.

● Aust. carnival?

It was first believed that FIFA would stage the Asian subgroup matches in Australia as a carnival between the four countries but South Africa have objected.

South Korea is happy to play in Australia and North Korea also favor the carnival-type tournament, but in a neutral country.

FIFA is to review the whole idea but is likely to direct the countries to play "home" and "away" matches as in all the other groups.

This means that Australia would have to play matches in Seoul, South Korea; Pyongyang, North Korea and Johannesburg, South Africa. then play host to these three countries.

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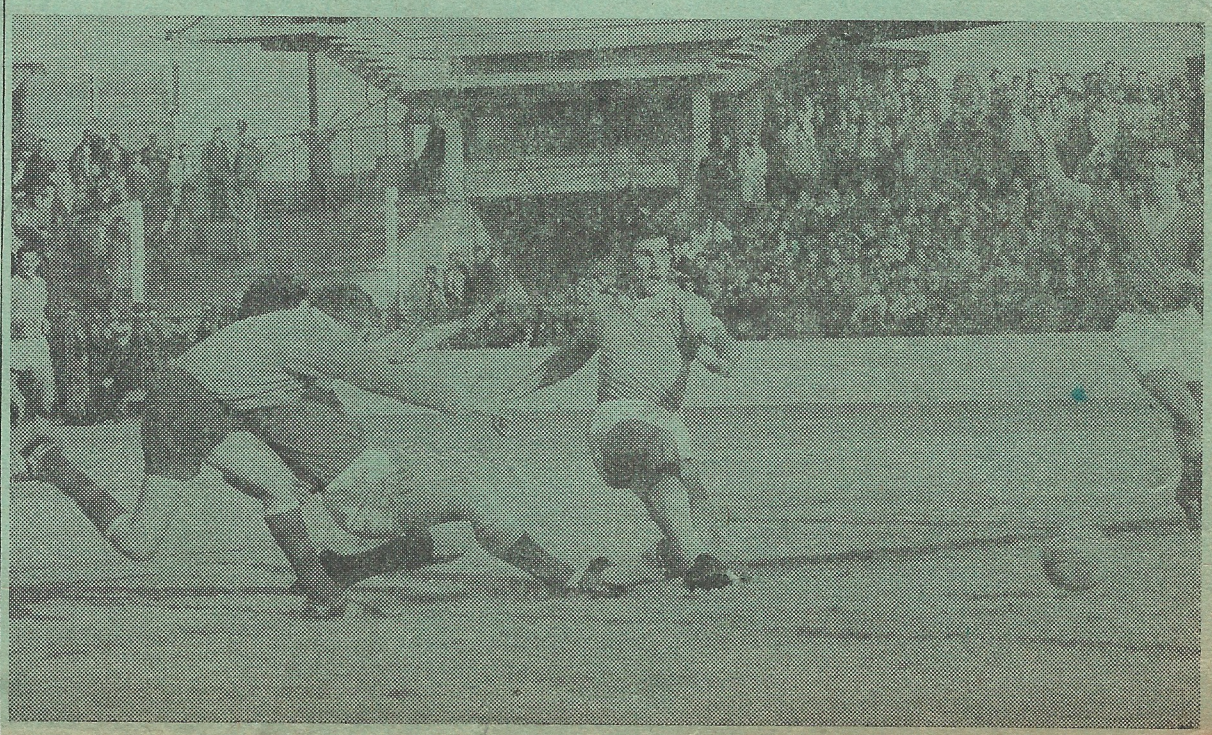
WATKISS' SECOND GOAL



Moments of soccer drama captured by our staff photographer V. Stojanovic during last weekend's APIA v. Budapest game at Sydney Sportsground vividly express the stress and the strain involved in these closing rounds of competition. Many critics feel, possibly not without some justification, that our match standards have fallen off. However, excitement such as experienced at all last week's Sydney matches partly compensate fans for the missing polish and artistry. And as the end of the competition is getting closer, this excitement will only increase.

Victoria worried by falling crowds

A prolonged spell of bitter conditions has had an impact on the State League attendances this season.

To say the crowds have slipped is no exaggeration and even before the break in the weather the slump was noticeable.

The standard of all too many games this eason has been below par and too bad to be true.

Toughness and rugged play have been a poor substitute for skill.

But one club is sitting pretty — South Melbourne Hellas.

With their challenge for the premiership they are pulling in big support, both home and away and without a doubt are subsidising many of the other clubs, at least to some extent.

Despite being accused of being temperamental Hellas, by their attacking brand of soccer are giving the public what they want — brighter soccer.

Ambitious and always thinking big, Hellas are reputed to be the highest payers in the State League and with a full time manager they are most certainly one club in Melbourne who are ready to take on the committments in an Australian National League.

—Bob Low

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EDITORIAL

A test of maturity

Australia has now finally decided to enter the preliminary rounds of the 1966 World Cup.

However, a great deal more than enthusiasm will be needed to field a team which can hold its own against its opponents.

Nowadays in modern sport preparations for an important international event start years ahead.

Mighty Brazil, holders of the Jules Rimet Cup, leave nothing to chance: they have sent a small delegation to England to study the conditions, playing surfaces and tentatively book accommodation for the Brazilians in four English cities.

All that two years in advance!

Of course, we shouldn't compare ourselves with Brazil: they want to win the World Cup while Australia merely want to put up a reasonable show.

Also, Brazil have known all along that they would go to England in 1966 while Australia's entry was only recently decided.

Still, there is no more time for us to waste and preparations for the elimination matches should begin at once.

Now we really have a chance to prove to the world that soccer in this country is fast in the process of growing up and may have already reached the level of those with whom we have been bracketed in the same sub-group.

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AROUND THE GLOBE

PELE "OLD MAN", SANTOS OUTCLASSED

Argentines to challenge Inter. for "world" title

Internazionale Milan's opponents in the final of the Intercontinental Cup are almost certain to be the 1963-1964 Argentine champion, Independiente.

The crack Buenos Aires team may have heralded the end of an era when it accounted for Santos of Brazil, the holders, in the semifinals of the South American Champions' Cup.

Santos lost both matches and never looked likely winners.

The absence of Pele, who once again was out of action because of injury, considerably weakened the Brazilians.

A panel of famous specialists, after examining Pele, said that he had the muscles of a 36-year-old player.

Pele, who is only 25, has been in top football for eight years and no player in the history of the sport has ever been subjected to such "special" attention from opponents.

Pele suffers an average of four injuries a year, mainly on the legs and tighs.

Independiente shocked 140,000 Brazilians at the giant Maracana Stadium when they won the first tie 3-2 after leading 2-0 at half time.

In the return match the Argentinians' superiority was even more marked and the 2-1 score flattered Santos who were never in the race.

The tight, tough defence of Independiente proved too much for the individualistic, ball-playing Brazilian forwards who had no answer to their opponent's close marking.

Independiente only have to draw with Nacional, Uruguay, to reach the final of the Intercontinental Cup.

This appears a mere formality as they already beat Nacional 2-0 in Montevideo.

The Inter-Milan v. Independiente final will be played in Buenos Aires on September 9 and in Milan on September 20.

In the event of a tie, the decider will be in Italy.

How they lined up for the second Independiente v. Santos match:—

Independiente: Toriani; Guzman, Rolan; Meldonado, Ferreyro, Mori; Mura, Bernao, Suarez, Rodriguez, Savoy.

Santos: Gilmar; Modesto, Dalmo; Haroldo, Ismael, Zito; Toninho, Peixinho, Lima, Almir, Pepe.

Scorers: Mori 36 min., Rodriguez 59 min. for Independiente; Toninho 37 min. for Santos.

Referee: Holland (England).

Crowd: 65,000.

AUSTRIA

Big changes have been made in the Austrian football set-up.

The first division will be reduced from 14 clubs to 12 and the regional leagues will be abolished.

Instead there will be a third, fourth and fifth division as well as the first and second division competitions.

HUNGARY

Some 85,000 people watched a double-header league program in Budapest's vast Nepstadion, the Ujpest v. Ferencvaros and Honved v. Vasas matches.

Not since 1955 have so many turned up for league matches in Budapest and even for internationals the crowd has never been bigger since 1960.

The fans had a good afternoon's entertainment: a total of 13 goals and most of Hungary's internationals on parade.

FRANCE

Le Havre Athletic Club, the oldest soccer club in the world outside of Britain, has folded up.

Le Havre, or HAC as it is known in France, was founded in 1872 by a group of Cambridge University students on holiday in France and has won many honors in its long history.

Only in 1959 the club became the first second division team to win the French Cup and between 1909 and 1928 Le Havre won four national titles and two Cups.

The club was forced to abandon professional status this year because of staggering debts and mismanagement.

HAC, however, will not disappear altogether as it will become an amateur club in the regional Norman league.

POLAND

Zaglebie of Poland won the New York International Soccer League championship with a 1-0 victory over Werder Bremen of Germany in the second game of their two-game play-off.

Zaglebie led 1-0 at half time and held that lead in a poorly played second half in which both teams were guilty of extremely inaccurate handling and shooting.

Zaglebie now will meet Dukla of Czechoslovakia in a two-game series for the American Challenge Cup, held for the past three years by Dukla.

SPAIN

There is only one foreign coach left in Spanish first division.

He is Frenchman Louis Hon, a former International, who coaches Betis Sevilla.

Only five Spanish clubs kept the same coach as last season, including Real Madrid who have decided not to part with Miguel Munoz after all.

The Spanish coaches for 1964-65 are: Munoz, Real Madrid; Rodriguez, Barcelona; Hon, Betis; Suarez, Valencia; Olsen, Zaragoza; Hernandez, Elche; Daucik, Sevilla; Barrios, Atletico Bilbao; Barigana, Atletico Madrid; Orizoala, Levante; Ramallets, Murcia; Eizaguirre, Cordoba; Kubala, Espanol; Dauder, Las Palmas; Ochoa, La Corona; Martin, Real Oviedo.

SWEDEN

Roger Magnusson, the newly capped Swedish international will become one of the rare European players in Brazilian football.

The 19-year-old Magnusson has been appointed by his export firm to an executive position in Rio and his boss is none other than the vice-president of Rio's 1963-64 champions, Flamengo.

Magnusson is expected to make his debut on the left wing for Flamengo where he will be the only white forward in this mainly colored team.

Briefly put . . .

Hungary's Gyor and East German Chemie Leipzig will meet in the first round of the European Cup on September 2 at Leipzig and September 9 at Gyor ... the Japanese Olympic team will play in the USSR, Rumania, Hungary and Czechoslovakia next month ... *Ozcan Arkoc, Turkey's international goalkeeper, may play for Rapid Vienna* ... the ill-fated Lima stadium opened its gates last week for the first time since the May tragedy where 300 people lost their lives. Barcelona and Sporting Cristal played a match there for the victims' relatives ... *Luis Suarez is reported to have received £8.000 to renew his contract with Internazionale Milan* ... Atletico Madrid have signed Peruvian star Mario Vega, a 21-year-old inside-forward ... *Arsenal's new fullback is Manchester United's Bacuzzi — the transfer fee was £50.000* ... FC Zurich's West German international centre-forward Klaus Sturmer transferred to local rivals Young Boys ... *Giani Rivera, the idol of Italian soccer fans, will be drafted into the Army next month for compulsory national service* ... Omar Sivori has been appointed captain of Juventus for next season ... *Helenio Herrera, now in Argentina, is showing great interest in two of Buenos Aires' top stars. Artime and Onega, but will have to pay a cool £350,000 for both before they wear Inter's colors* ... Somarriba, Sevilla's Spanish international fullback has abandoned soccer to become a legal expert in a big Santander firm ... *French champions St. Etienne have bought French international Wisnieski from Sampdoria for £35,000.*

SCOREBOARD

RAPPAN CUP: Trencin v. First Vienna 5-1; Leipzig v. Vojvodina 4-2; Vorwaerts Berlin v. Sportklub Vienna 1-3; Kosice v. Sportklub Vienna 3-2; Kosice v. Vorwaerts Berlin 3-0; Szombierki v. Sportklub Vienna 3-2; Radnicki v. Gwardia Warsaw 5-1; Norrkoping v. Empor Rostock 1-2; Spartak Plevene v. Odra Opole 1-1; Tatran Presov v. Chemnitz 1-4; Tatran Presov v. Odra Opole 2-0; Malmo v. Panionios 5-1; Panionios v. Dinamo Zagreb 2-1; Dinamo Zagreb v. Malmo 1-2; Slovnaft v. Sarajevo 1-0; Degerfors v. Polonia Bytom 0-6.

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Queen's Park (Scotland) v. Northern Nigeria 3-0 (Kaduna).

HUNGARY (15th round): Ferencvaros v. MTK 2-1; Debrecen v. Komlo 4-0; Diosgyor v. Dorog 2-1; Pecs v. Szeged 3-0.

USSR (14th round): Kutaisi v. Neftianik 1-0; Dinamo Tbilisi v. Army Rostov 2-0; Spartak Moscow v. Chahkter 1-1; Zenith Leningrad v. Volga 0-0; Air Force v. Torpedo Moscow 0-4; Dinamo Minsk v. Dinamo Moscow 0-0; Army Moscow v. Dinamo Kiev 1-2. **Comp. leaders:** Chahkter 18, Torpedo Moscow, Spartak Moscow, Dinamo Tbilisi 17; Dinamo Kiev 16; Army Rostov 15; Volga 14.

ARGENTINA: (11th round): Racing v. River Plate 0-0; Rosario v. Estudiantes 1-1; Velez v. Banfield 0-2; San Lorenzo v. Argentinos 4-0; Chacarita v. Oeste 2-0; Boca Juniors v. Newells Old Boys 0-0; Gimnasia v. Independiente 2-3; Atlanta v. Huracan 0-3. **Comp. leaders:** River Plate, Boca Juniors 16; Independiente Velez, Banfield, San Lorenzo 13; Atlanta 12; Rosario, Huracan 11.

WHO COMES ? . . . WHO GOES ? . . . WHAT GOES ? . . .

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

Almost every soccer club in Britain conducts its own soccer pool and in the summer months they use Australian fixtures. Leeds United, the second division club, has 25,000 members in its pool which has generated enough interest among them to ask for information about clubs and conditions in Australia. If any reader would like to give Leeds United information about the structure and set-up of their particular area please communicate with Mr. F.L. Agar, 1 Oxford Place, Leeds, Yorkshire, England.

Conducted by EINAR PERSEN

ALAN Westwater, Bankstown's former brilliant young forward, will stay another season in Scotland. Westwater, 17, has been offered a contract by two first division clubs.

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PAT Hughes, only a junior himself when he joined APIA four years ago has been appointed coach of the APIA's under-12 to under-16 years teams. The Scottish representative star coaches the boys every Monday and Thursday and claims that there are as many talented players among his charges as in Scottish junior football where he played for some years.

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CUMBERLAND United president Jim Pratt returned last week from a well-earned holiday at Bundaberg, North Queensland.

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HERE are some of the functions "Miss Pan Hellenic" title contenders will hold in the next few weeks: Miss Nancy Mylonas, the entrant in the DAILY MIRROR "Sportsgirl" quest, will give a jazz night at the Suzy Wong Restaurant on August 20. Miss Kathy Theodore is having a tea party on August 8 at 2.30 p.m. at 5 Bass Street, Kingsford and Miss Angela Stavrianos is staging a gala dance at the Hellenic Club on August 16. The crowning of "Miss Pan Hellenic" will be held at a ball at Paddington Town Hall on Sunday, August 30. Tickets for the ball can be obtained at the Hellenic Club, 251 Elizabeth Street, City; Odeon Music House, 94 Bathurst Street or from Harry Antonakos (Tel: 56-8093).

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PRAGUE'S annual ball will be held on November 7 at the Bondi Rex Hotel.

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WELL known athlete, Miss Rhonda Gardiner, has been nominated by Gladesville-Hornsby FA in the Daily Mirror Sportgirl quest. After missing Olympic selection, Rhonda's present ambition is to see boyfriend Kevin Berry in the games swimming events.

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IT is one year now since former Sydney Austral player Bill van Sitteren returned to Holland without the Sydney club's consent. Van Sitteren is still not allowed to play in Holland because of Sydney Austral's insistence that he honors certain obligations. The Dutch FA showed its good faith and respect in international procedure by suspending the player.

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THE loan of £9,350 from Ampol Petroleum Limited to effect the FIFA settlement has been paid in full from the Australian Federation's share of the Everton tour profits.

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JIMMY Sambrook, the 19-year-old second grader from APIA has scored 19 goals in nine matches in the reserve team. He was originally a defender.

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ROY Booth, who made his first grade debut for Pan Hellenic last Sunday, is a former Gladesville player. The 19-year-old Booth scored a great goal to level the score against Prague. Booth was a last minute replacement for Brian Smith.

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CUMBERLAND have been told that English amateur international goalkeeper Derek Griffin has cancelled his application to migrate to Australia as he has accepted a lucrative offer to join an English club.

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OUT of eight "home" games at Bankstown Oval Bankstown have only gained two points, losing six matches and drawing two. Bankstown conceded 20 goals and scored seven at home. Their "away" record is much better. It stands at five wins and two draws with four losses and their goal tally is 24 for and 23 against. If their home record had been as good Bankstown would be vying for a spot in the first four instead of facing relegation. Club officials can't fathom the reason for this disastrous home record but are hoping that Bankstown will score their first win at Bankstown Oval on Saturday against Budapest. This is the third successive season that the Town's "away" record is better than at "home".

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SUTHERLAND have also nominated Noll Brunker for the NSW Under-19 squad. Brunker, a fullback, represented NSW as an Under-16 in 1963.

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THE Federation has arranged for the numbering and advanced sales of 400 reserved seats for the NSW premiership grand final at the Sydney Sports Ground on September 20. The reserved seats will cost £1. Unreserved seats in the grandstand area are 10/- and outer ground admission will be 5/-. Children and pensioners will be admitted to the outer ground for 2/-.

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GLADESVILLE - Hornsby Presentation Smoko will be held at the Old Eastwood Town Hall, Balaclava Road, Eastwood, on 18th September. Social secretary Bill Kimber, and Allan Sandell, 84-4240, head the organisers.

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THE NSW Federation held a reception last Tuesday at the Hellenic Club, City, to welcome the Queensland Schooldboys' team which will be playing a series of matches in NSW during the current school holidays. The Queenslanders will meet NSW Schoolboys at Arlington Oval at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday, August 8.

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GLADESVILLE - Hornsby and the Coaches Federation commence a course for over 30 persons on Monday, 10th August at West Epping Oval and Community Centre at 7 p.m.

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ANOTHER of Bob Madden's three sons, Craig, ("Call me Tom",) gained representative honors for Bankstown Districts' Under-8 team. Bob's eldest son, Dennis, plays in the Bankstown reserve team and his brother Ian is the goalkeeper for Bankstown's under-14 representative side.

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APIA's annual ball will be held on October 3 at the University of NSW at Kensington. The ball is one of the big social events of the Sydney soccer calendar and tickets will soon be available. Watch these columns for further information.

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MARTIN Lissing, the Hakoah third grader and NSW Schoolboy representative star may play for Hakoah-Melbourne next season. Lissing, 17, is a close friend of Gerry Chaldi, the skipper of Melbourne's Hakoah.

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YUGAL officials were delighted with the display of young reserve-forward "Ned" Korlovic in the first team against Hakoah last Sunday. Korlovic replaced the injured Juan Medina on the right wing and more than held his own although marked by Alan Marnoch, the best Hakoah player on the day.

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THE two Hungarian flags displayed by some Budapest supporters last Sunday at the Sports Ground raised a few eyebrows. Hakoah fans were also criticized for waving an Israeli flag at the 1961 and 1962 Grand Finals when they invaded the pitch after the match to chair their players.

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SUTHERLAND have knocked back two proposals by first division clubs to take the club over as a "nursery". Sutherland have enough faith in the future to keep their identity.

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BRIAN Tristram has aggravated his groin injury and could be out for the rest of the season. Norberto Badaracco, Peter Hrncir and Ken Hiron are other players who may also miss the remainder of the season.

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NSW SECOND DIVISION

"Brilliant Polonia?" — they'll find first division very tough

Last Saturday's poor first division draw sent hundreds of unattached fans to the second division match between Polonia-NS and Sydney Austral at the Sydney Cricket Ground No 2.

Those who went just to see Polonia, who are only one match away from promotion, must have been very disappointed.

Although Polonia won 3-1, with 10 men, their display was mediocre and the only Polish import to impress at all was international halfback Gawlik, but even he was not of the standard of many first division defenders.

Polonia, naturally, were very nervous as this was a vital match with promotion just around the corner and that must have inevitably affected their game.

Impartial second division observers told me they could play much better.

I surely hope so because on last week's display they would immediately return to second division unless they acquired at least six new players next season.

Polonia started the match against Sydney Austral at a furious pace and were one up after 8 minutes when centre-forward Hajduk netted a well executed goal.

Within the next 10 minutes the match degenerated into an ugly affair when referee Micos disallowed two Polonia goals.

The second of these looked perfectly valid as I saw the ball hit the side netting inside the goal — yet to everyone's astonishment the referee waved play on.

Witczak, who had scored that goal, then pushed the referee to show his disapproval and was immediately, and deservedly, sent off.

From then on there was no pretence of any football played as Polonia went into defence, yet managed to score another two goals through Gawlik, from a 25-yard free-kick and Pilot.

At 3-0 Adrian Smit scored Sydney Austral's only goal from a point-blank range.

It is hard to understand why the Referees' Appointments Board showed such tactlessness in appointing Micos to the Polonia match when there were dozens of referees to choose from.

It was hardly fair to the referee who was subjected to tremendous pressure and it certainly did nothing to pacify the Polonia supporters, as noisy and vociferously aggressive a lot as you could find anywhere.

Polonia officials attributed their poor display to "nerves" and Witczak's expulsion as he plays a key role in their version of the 4—2—4 as a second centre-forward. — L. G.

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Granville-AEK kept their slim promotion hopes alive with an overwhelming 6-0 victory over Concordia in a match where the Macarthur Park team could have scored another six goals.

Wollongong Olympic had to fight all the way to defeat lowly Marconi 1-0 at Balgownie but have again qualified for the semifinals where their opponents now seem certain to be Melita Eagles.

Melita Eagles beat Sutherland 3-0 to move two points ahead of Blacktown-BSK, shock losers at home to Jimmy Wardaugh's Western United.

Despite their loss to Polonia-NS, Sydney Austral retained sixth placing while Thistle gained another two points by thrashing Manly 5-1.

THIS WEEKEND

Polonia-NS should attract their biggest crowd of the season on Sunday as all their supporters will be at Drummoyne Oval to chear the team on to victory over Blacktown-BSK and promotion.

Blacktown crashed last week and their only hope of causing an upset is for Polonia to crack altogether with nerves.

This, however, seems unlikely as Polonia at home are always at least two goals better and despite Witczak's suspension have enough reserve talent to neutralize Tiko Jelisavcic and Zivkovic, Blacktown's danger men.

Granville, at Bossley Park, will be going for goals in the hope of Polonia-NS dropping one point, and should win well.

Likely winners of other matches in the last round are **Melita Eagles**, thus ensuring fourth place, **Sutherland, Thistle** and **Wollongong Olympic** despite Western United's fine form.

Two are in semis, six keep striving

With three rounds to go, South Coast and APIA look certain semifinalists.

For the other two berths there are six keen applicants.

Cumberland's task looks to be the hardest while Yugal, Pan Hellenic and Hakoah are handicapped by poor goal averages.

The present goal averages of the semifinal candidates — with last week's bracketed:

S. Coast 1.63 (1.70); APIA 1.54 (1.51); Yugal 1.02 (0.97); Budapest 1.43 (1.57); Hakoah 1.14 (1.21); Prague 1.35 (1.41); Pan Hellenic 1.13 (1.11) and Cumberland 1.38 (1.40).

Croatia are out of the semifinal — and could also be out of First Division.

They hold a four-point lead over Bankstown.

However, Bankstown have three tough matches to play (Budapest, APIA and Hakoah).

Croatia's opponents are Prague, South Coast and Cumberland.

If Croatia can collect three points, they are absolutely safe.

If they collect two points, they can be in danger only if Bankstown win all their three matches.

At present Croatia's goal average is much better.

In view of this, it is hard to believe that Bankstown may yet catch them and thus escape relegation.

Corinthians and Canterbury have now been relegated.

Fed. office under fire

The Australian Soccer Federation last Monday came under fire—some six storeys under, to be exact.

The King St. bank building in Sydney which houses the Federation offices, had a fire under the roof.

Some six fire trucks were on the scene in minutes and quickly brought the fire under control.

All Sydney club officials claim they had nothing to do with the incident . . .

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COMPETITION TABLES

FIRST DIVISION
First grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
S. Coast Utd.	10	6	3	36	22	26
APIA	12	2	5	48	31	26
Yugal	10	3	6	42	41	23
Budapest	9	4	6	43	30	22
Hakoah	10	2	7	39	34	22
Prague	10	1	8	42	31	21
Pan Hellenic	10	1	8	41	36	21
Cumberland	8	4	7	47	34	20
Croatia	6	6	7	35	39	18
Bankstown	5	4	10	31	43	14
Corinthians	2	4	13	35	55	8
Canterbury	3	1	15	24	69	7

FIRST DIVISION
Second Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	13	4	2	58	20	30
Pan Hellenic	10	5	4	56	35	25
S. Coast Utd.	10	4	5	39	31	24
APIA	9	5	5	37	29	23
Bankstown	8	4	7	39	44	20
Canterbury	7	6	6	29	34	20
Cumberland	7	4	8	50	38	18
Prague	8	2	9	36	36	18
Budapest	7	3	9	44	39	17
Croatia	6	3	10	28	46	15
Corinthians	6	—	13	29	56	12
Yugal	1	4	14	19	56	6

FIRST DIVISION
Third Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Canterbury	12	5	2	56	18	29
Budapest	14	1	4	38	24	29
S. Coast Utd.	12	4	3	55	25	28
APIA	10	5	4	53	28	25
Bankstown	12	—	7	36	20	24
Yugal	8	3	8	38	34	19
Hakoah	8	3	8	36	37	19
Corinthians	5	5	9	24	36	15
Prague	5	3	11	26	41	13
Cumberland	5	1	13	20	42	11
Pan Hellenic	4	2	13	20	44	10
Croatia	1	4	14	14	64	6

SECOND DIVISION
First Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Polonia-NS	18	2	1	82	22	38
Granville-AEK	17	3	1	93	31	37
W. Olympic	13	2	6	57	35	28
Melita Eagles	10	5	6	41	32	25
Blacktown-BSK	11	1	9	61	52	23
S. Austral	6	5	9	38	46	17
Western Utd.	7	2	11	40	55	16
Concordia	6	4	11	42	61	16
Sutherland	6	4	11	46	77	16
Marconi	6	2	11	31	42	14
Thistle	4	4	12	41	59	12
Manly	1	2	17	22	80	4

SECOND DIVISION
Second Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville-AEK	18	1	2	95	25	37
Polonia-NS	13	3	5	65	33	29
W. Olympic	13	2	6	53	31	28
Sutherland	13	1	7	59	40	27
Concordia	11	3	7	41	35	25
Manly	11	2	7	55	38	24
Marconi	7	2	10	31	37	16
Blacktown-BSK	8	—	12	45	62	16
Melita Eagles	6	2	13	32	57	14
Western Utd.	5	1	14	29	[illegible]	[illegible]
S. Austral	4	2	13	41	[illegible]	10
Thistle	3	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	72	7

Last week's results

FIRST DIVISION
2nd and 3rd Grades

Croatia v. Canterbury	1-3	0-7
Corinthians v. Bankstown	0-2	0-2
Prague v. Pan Hellenic	2-5	2-1
Pan Hellenic v. Prague	0-2	2-1
Yugal v. Hakoah	0-2	2-2
APIA v. Budapest	3-2	0-3
Cumberland Utd. v. SCU	2-0	0-4

SECOND DIVISION
1st and 2nd Grades

S. Austral v. Polonia-NS	1-3	1-4
Thistle v. Manly	5-1	1-2
M. Eagles v. Sutherland	3-0	3-2
Blacktown v. Western U.	0-2	1-3
W. Olympic v. Marconi	1-0	0-2
Granville v. Concordia	6-0	4-0

LEADING SCORERS

J. WATKISS (APIA)	20
G. BARNETT (SCU)	15
H. NINAUS (Hakoah)	14
J. RICHARDSON (Cum'land)	14
J. GALAMBOS (Budapest)	13
D. LOGAN (P. Hellenic)	12
B. KELLY (Cumberland)	11
V. FERNANDEZ (Budapest)	10
A. NINCEVIC (Yugal)	10
L. SCHEINFLUG (Prague)	10
J. ALAGICH (Yugal)	9
D. PALMER (Yugal)	9
B. TRISTRAM (Prague)	9

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RESULTS & SCORERS

CROATIA
0 (0)

CANTERBURY
2 (2)

R. Dougan 8 min, R. Baker 44 min.

CORINTHIANS
2 (1)

P. Barnes 9 min, T. Hill 57 min.

BANKSTOWN
3 (1)

R. Hewitt 33 min, J. Turner 52 min, R. Bamforth 67 min.

YUGAL
2 (0)

L. Lazarevic 79 min penalty, D. Palmer 80 min.

HAKOAH
0 (0)

APIA
4 (3)

J. Watkiss 8, 14 and 80 mins, C. Van Blerk 29 min.

BUDAPEST
2 (2)

V. Fernandez 35 min, T. Zuckermann 42 min penalty.

PAN HELLENIC
2 (0)

R. Booth 76 min, D. Logan 89 min.

PRAGUE
1 (1)

L. Gauto 17 min.

CUMBERLAND
2 (0)

J. Richardson 75 min, J. Harris 89 min own goal.

S. COAST UTD.
2 (1)

J. Brownlie 15 and 52 mins.

HOW THEY LINED UP

O. Collazo 3; J. Puig 3, J. Gergely 3; G. Ledezma 3, A. Hetherington 4, N. Bischoff 3; F. Hejtmanek 2, I. Tomicic 3, E. Massey 2, M. Rinos 2, R. Frazer 2.

TOTAL: 30 **Coach: E. Massey**

R. Corry 4; B. Lincoln 4, G. Nuttall 4; J. Dougan 3, T. North 4, R. Cush 3; W. Travers 3, D. Yaager 4, P. Buendia 3. *R. Baker* 5, *R. Dougan* 5.

TOTAL: 42 **Coach: G. Azzopardi.**

P. Gray 2; E. Anderos n3, M. Moulson 3; B. Williams 3, R. Robinson 3, T. Hill 4; D. Todd 3, L. Bennett 4, P. Barnes 2, S. Hart 3, G. Nutt 4.

TOTAL: 34 **Coach: F. Broome**

W. Rorke 3; R. Madden 4, P. Scahill 3; B. Jarvis 3, R. Cowling 3, B. Heward 3; N. Stiffle 3, R. Hewitt 4, R. Bamforth 3, C. Perkins 3, J. Turner 3.

TOTAL: 35 **Coach: R. Hewitt**

Z. Katnic 4; *H. Ringhoff* 5, J. Mucillo 4; *L. Lazarevic* 5, M. Stojanovic 4, F. Dunaj 4; N. Korlovic 3, E. Schwarz 4, D. Palmer 3, A. Nincevic 2, S. Rafaneli 2.

TOTAL: 40 **Coach: A. Jagodic.**

G. McGuire 4; T. Edwards 3, A. Marnock 4; I. Hillsdon 4, M. Woods 3, D. Edwards 3; M. Bell 2, R. Fekete 3, H. Ninaus 2, J. Hewlett 2, J. Christie 2.

TOTAL: 32 **Coach: M. Woods**

A. Iglesias 4; J. Marston 3, S. Ackerley 4; P. Hughes 3, R. Murua 4, F. Bottalico 4; R. Chapman (sent off), W. Sinclair 3, G. Giacometti 3, J. Watkiss 4. C. Van Blerk 3.

TOTAL: 35 **Coach: G. Polgar.**

M. Clarke 3; H. Stegbauer (sent off), T. Zuckermann 3; F. Lang 2, H. Rodriguez 4, M. Schaefer 4; J. Pompor 3, M. Krgin 3, P. Banicevic 4, V. Fernandez 4, A. Stokes 3.

TOTAL: 33 **Coach: L. Hegyes**

J. Bout 4; G. Yangou 4, D. Wright 4; R. McKellar 4, J. Karyannis 4, *J. Fernie* 5; R. Booth 3, D. Gargale 2, D. Logan 3, J. Eleftheriadis 2, J. Pearson 4.

TOTAL: 39 **Coach: F. Hearn**

R. Lord 3; *F. Falzon* 5, S. Sherwin 4; G. Jones 4, A. Handorf 4, *J. Bond* 5; R. Blitz 3, W. Tamandl 4, L. Gauto 3, L. Scheinflug 2, G. Sleight 2.

TOTAL: 39 **Coach: W. Tamandl**

B. Stevens 3; *W. Addison* 5, P. Keen 3; G. Arnott 3, R. Folwell 4, G. McPhail 4; S. Turner 4, B. Kelly 4, J. Richardson 4, M. Collins 3, V. Reynolds 3.

TOTAL: 40 **Coach: L. Quested.**

B. Rhodes 5; P. Woods 4, P. Stanley (sent off); J. Kelly 4, J. Harris 3, M. Tolson 3; D. Mayers 3, J. Brownlie 3, G. Barnett 3. J. Doherty 3, *B. Salisbury* 5.

TOTAL: 36 **Coach: J. Kelly**

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Canterbury confirmed their dramatic recovery by trouncing Croatia in a one-sided match where the score flatters the losers. The Berries took control of the match from the kick off, their pacy forwards upsetting their slower opponents. Croatia's defence did well to only concede two first half goals but their forwards gave a miserable display, never worrying the tigerish Canterbury defence at any stage.

Referee K. Lockrey was excellent.

Crowd: 1,100 **—LINCOLN WALTERS**

This atrocious match was watched by the crowd it deserved — the second smallest attendance of the season. Corinthians dominated the first half and looked set for their third win of the season when elementary mistakes by reserve goalkeeper P. Gray allowed Bankstown to take over. Corinthians had slightly more goalscoring chances but Bankstown's steadier defence undoubtedly saved them the points.

Referee N. Jones was excellent.

Crowd: 215. **— HARRY BARTLETT**

Yugal clinched the match in a late two-minute scoring burst. Hakoah's forwards let them down abdly, displaying incredible lack of ball control, positional sense and finishing. Yugal's defence had an easy time and never put a foot wrong. Apart from the last 10 minutes it was mainly a defensive game with play always midfield.

Referee H. Parsons made some inconsistent rulings.

Crowd: 2,700. **— PETER FLOW**

APIA had to hang on grimly after racing to a 3-0 lead in the first 30 minutes. APIA started off brilliantly and outplayed the reshuffled Budapest team. After a good goal by Fernandez, however, Budapest swept into attack, forcing APIA into errors and looked like equalizing just before half-time. In a rugged second half where two players were sent off APIA had little trouble keeping their lead and actually went further ahead as the sting seemed to have left Budapest.

Referee J. Scarborough despite a few minor mistakes was good.

Crowd: 6,400. **— LOU GAUTIER**

After being outclassed for 75 minutes, Pan Hellenic unwound a whirlwind finish to beat Prague in the last minute of a thrilling match. Prague were vastly superior in the first half and should have led by four goals instead of 1-0. Their forwards, however, were atrocious in front of goal. Pan Hellenic battled against tremendous odds, playing without Curry, Smith, Patrinos and Omeros, and produced a superhuman effort to pull the match out of the fire when they looked hopelessly beaten.

Referee A. Boskovic was good.

Crowd: 4,500. **— EINAR PERSEN**

A draw was a fair result although Cumberland United had the better of play. The visitors were severely handicapped when full-back Stanley was sent off after 18 minutes but left winger Salisbury moved back into defence and was a tower of strength. South Coast led 2-0 against the run of the play but Cumberland came back gallantly in the dying stages to score the equalizer in the last few seconds. Goalkeeper Rhodes was the Coast's best player, having a torrid afternoon coping with the shots of Kelly and Turner.

Referee S. Pundyk was good.

Crowd: 1,800. **— DES BROADIS**

TEAM OF THE WEEK

B. RHODES (SCU)

H. RINGHOFF (Yugal) — S. ACKERLEY (APIA)

L. LAZAREVIC (Yugal) — T. NORTH (Canterbury) — J. FERNIE (Pan Hellenic)

R. HEWITT (Bankstown) — R. BAKER (Canterbury)

S. TURNER (Cumberland) — J. RICHARDSON (Cumberland) — B. SALISBURY (SCU)

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Prague and P. Hell. face doom in case of defeat

The home run of the competition will start this weekend and from now on every goal scored assumes vital significance: there can be no reprive for the weak or the unlucky.

The two leaders face tough assignments and could be pegged back by the pursuers.

By PAUL DEAN

reminding Yugal that Canterbury don't believe they've been relegated . . .

However, their lead is so big at this stage that it's hard to see either of them in danger of missing out on the semi-finals.

On paper at least, Yugal, Budapest and Hakoah have easy draws and will collect the two points.

But should one of them slip up at these relatively low hurdles, they can blame but themselves.

Canterbury v. Yugal

NOT AGAIN . . .

Perhaps it would be too much to ask of the Canterbury kids to upset yet another fancied opponent.

..In the last two rounds they amply proved their ability and should have the satisfaction of dying a Viking's death.

Yugal, the old unpredictables, turned the tables on Hakoah and have once again pulled themselves out of trouble.

If they take this match seriously enough, they should experience no problem in winning the points.

Their rearguards can be perfectly safe and the forward will somehow scramble home a few goals.

Canterbury cannot be written off but three wins in a row is just too much to expect of them.

Our tip: Yugal.

B'town v. Budapest

NEVER EASY

Although their respective positions on the table indicate a fair difference between the teams, the final score may be extremely close.

Bankstown realise that to keep their slim survival hopes alive they must win.

Budapest, after their setback of last week, cannot drop another point either.

They usually find Bankstown a tough opponent and especially at Bankstown Oval.

However, the Budapest team will be back to full strength now and should get back on the winning list.

Our tip: Budapest.

S. Coast v. P. Hellenic

UPSET LIKELY

Injury-ridden Sth. Coast are fighting desperately to stay ahead but their displays are far from impressive.

In recent weeks they have dropped quite a few points, yet somehow escaped defeat.

Pan Hellenic's semifinal chances hinge on this result to a very great extent.

If any team can down the Coasters with sheer speed and spirit, it may be Hellenic.

A lot depends on how many of Kelly's key men will be available to do battle: with a badly depleted side they will be in trouble.

Our tip: Pan Hellenic.

Prague v. Croatia

GOAL SCARCE

One more defeat and Prague have said goodbye to this year's semifinals.

Somehow this once fine team cannot regain its old confidence and drops points which last year they collected with consummate ease.

Croatia have to win at least one more match to ensure their stay in first division — and their draw is a tough one.

They have certainly missed the semifinals but Prague are still very much in the run for them.

ROY BLITZ (PRAGUE)

Prague's form is improving and if they can get those elusive goals somehow, they should finish up with the points.

Our tip: Prague.

Hakoah v. Cor'thians

EASY POINTS

This match should give a bit of a breather to troubled Hakoah: unless they do very foolish things, they can get two fairly easy points.

For Corinthians nothing matters any more: they are down and out, cut and dried.

But Hakoah, with high ambitions to finish in the top four, are very actively concerned with the outcome of the match.

Their superiority is not doubted, yet the forwards show such glaring weaknesses that must cause anguish to their supporters.

Corinthians probably will fight with undaunted spirit but this is hardly likely to be enough this time.

Our tip: Hakoah.

Cumberland v. APIA

DEADLY TANDEM

Mona Park will see a great battle, probably played at a furious tempo.

Cumberland must win their last three matches to retain any hope for the semis — and they'd better start with this one.

Their form isn't too good and they'll have their hands full trying to stop the freewheeling APIA forwards.

Last week APIA gave a spirited display and the deadly tandem of Watkiss and Giacometti won them the points.

They are certain to rely on them once again as the other three forwards are not up to scratch.

A close score is expected after a long, hard tussle.

Our tip: APIA.

World Cup next Oct.?

● Continued from page 1.

All matches in Australia's sub-group must be played by March 1, 1965 because the winner is scheduled to meet the winners of the three African sub-groups before December 31, 1965.

The African Soccer Confederation, now meeting in Cairo, is seriously considering a boycott of the 1966 World Cup on the grounds that Africa is being discriminated against.

The Africans claim that since they make up one-fifth of FIFA's membership they should automatically send one team to the finals without having to play-off with the Asian winners.

The African Confederation's decision is expected this weekend but at the moment the winner of Australia's sub-group appears to have a more than a 50-50 chance of gaining a place in the final 16 in England.

There is, however, a strong possibility that the winner of the Asian sub-group may go straight into the finals in England without playing off against the African nations.

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

FIRST DIVISION

(Three Grades: 11.45 a.m., 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)
Canterbury v. Yugal — Arlington Oval
Bankstown v. Budapest — Bankstown Oval

SECOND DIVISION

(Two Grades: 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)
Thistle v. Melita Eagles — Knight's Park

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

FIRST DIVISION

(Three Grades: 11.45 a.m., 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)
SCU v. Pan Hellenic — Woonona Oval
Prague v. Croatia — Marks Field
Hakoah v. Corinthians — Wentworth Park
Cumberland Utd. v. APIA — Mona Park

SECOND DIVISION

(Two Grades: 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)
Western United v. Wollongong Olympic-Girraween Park
Sutherland v. Sydney Austral — Seymour Shaw Park
Polonia-NS v. Blacktown-BSK — Drummoyne Oval
Marconi v. Granville-AEK — Marconi Oval
Concordia v. Manly — Fraser Park

NEXT WEEKEND

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

(Two Grades: 7.00 and 8.30 p.m.)
Budapest v. Hakoah — Marks Field
(Third grade on Sat., 1 p.m. also at Marks Field).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

FIRST DIVISION

(Three Grades: 11.45 a.m., 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)
Croatia v. South Coast United — Arlington Oval
APIA v. Bankstown — ground to be arranged.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

FIRST DIVISION

(Three Grades: 11.45 a.m., 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)
Pan Hellenic v. Cumberland Utd. — Wentworth Park
Corinthians v. Canterbury — Drummoyne Oval
Yugal v. Prague — Marks Field

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CANTERBURY v. YUGAL

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G. NUTTALL	3	J. MUCILLO
J. DOUGAN	4	L. LAZAREVIC
T. NORTH	5	M. STOJANOVIC
R. CUSH	6	F. DUNAJ
W. TRAVERS	7	J. MEDINA
D. YAAGER	8	E. SCHWARZ
P. BUENDIA	9	D. PALMER
R. BAKER	10	A. NINCEVIC
R. DOUGAN	11	S. RAFANELI

Referee: I. TIMMS
Linesmen: N. Micos, D. Henderson.

BANKSTOWN v. BUDAPEST

W. RORKE	1	M. CLARKE
R. MADDEN	2	H. STEGBAUER
P. SCAHILL	3	T. ZUCKERMANN
B. JARVIS	4	H. RODRIGUEZ
R. COWLING	5	P. BANICEVIC
B. HEWARD	6	M. SCHAEFER
N. STIFFLE	7	M. KRGIN
R. HEWITT	8	J. WARREN
R. BAMFORTH	9	J. GALAMBOS
C. PERKINS	10	V. FERNANDEZ
J. TURNER	11	A. STOKES

Referee: S. PUNDYK
Linesmen: S. Cousins, H. Kuczynski.

CUMBERLAND UTD. v. APIA

B. STEVENS	1	A. IGLESIAS
W. ADDISON	2	C. VAN BLERK
P. KEEN	3	S. ACKERLEY
G. ARNOTT	4	P. HUGHES
R. FOLWELL	5	R. MURUA
N. TOWNSEND	6	F. BOTTALICO
S. TURNER	7	W. SINCLAIR
B. KELLY	8	D. FALCONER
J. RICHARDSON	9	G. GIACOMETTI
M. COLLINS	10	J. WATKISS
V. REYNOLDS	11	N. COSSETTINI

Referee: A. BOSKOVIC
Linesmen: L. Wilson, H. Robertson.

PRAGUE v. CROATIA

R. LORD	1	O. COLLAZO
F. FALZON	2	J. PUIG
S. SHERWIN	3	J. GERGELY
G. JONES	4	G. LEDEZMA
A. HANDORF	5	A. HETHERINGTON
J. BOND	6	N. BISCHOFF
R. BLITZ	7	I. TOMICIC
W. TAMANDL	8	M. RINOS
G. SLEIGHT	9	E. MASSEY
L. SCHEINFLUG	10	R. HOARE
L. GAUTO	11	R. FRAZER

Referee: J. SCARBOROUGH
Linesmen: G. Gibbons, M. Buchanan.

SOUTH COAST UTD. v. PAN HELLENIC

B. RHODES	1	J. BOUT
P. WOODS	2	G. YANGOU
B. SALISBURY	3	D. WRIGHT
J. KELLY	4	R. McKELLAR
J. HARRIS	5	J. CURRY
M. TOLSON	6	S. PATRINOS
D. MAYERS	7	D. LOGAN
J. BROWNLIE	8	B. SMITH
J. DOHERTY	9	J. FERNIE
G. BARNETT	10	J. ELEFTHERIADIS
W. PERRY	11	J. PEARSON

Referee: H. EILERTS
Linesmen: F. Woolman, D. Griffin.

HAKOAH v. CORINTHIANS

G. MC GUIRE	1	P. GRAY
R. KEARNS	2	E. ANDERSON
A. MARNOCK	3	M. MOULSON
I. HILLSDON	4	B. WILLIAMS
M. WOODS	5	R. ROBINSON
R. McKNIGHT	6	T. HILL
T. EDWARDS	7	D. TODD
L. BAUMGARTNER	8	L. BENNETT
J. CHRISTIE	9	P. BARNES
E. HOLDER	10	S. HART
H. NINAUS	11	G. NUTT

Referee: K. LOCKREY
Linesmen: J. Scifleet, W. Irons.

Tipsters' corner

A win for the home team is indicated by 1, a draw by x and a win for the visiting team by 2.

THIS WEEKEND'S FIRST DIVISION MATCHES	PAUL DEAN	LOU GAUTIER	EINAR PERSEN	MARCEL NAGY	S.W. GUEST*	MOST FAVORED
Bankstown v. Budapest	2	2	x	2	2	2
Canterbury v. Yugal	2	2	1	1	2	2
Hakoh v. Corinthians	1	1	1	1	1	1
Prague v. Croatia	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cumberland Utd. v. APIA	2	2	x	2	x	2
SCU v. Pan Hellenic	2	1	1	1	1	1

* *Yugal goalkeeper Mike Mazzina.*

Last round brings moment of truth to all hopefuls in South Australia

— *From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide* —

In one of the most exciting finales for years Saturday's last round of games will decide the premiership, the teams to be relegated and SA's Australia Cup representatives.

Juventus v. Croatia

HANSAN RESERVE

Referee: W. Hosie.

Juventus must win or at worst draw to make 100 per cent certain of winning their eighth major premiership.

Croatia will battle to keep their fading Australia Cup hopes alive but they realise that victory would have to be coupled with an unexpected Austria loss to Enfield.

Croatia's blank scoreboard last week compares unfavorably with the rejuvenated Juventus four-goal effort and the leaders must be chosen to win and shatter a premiership record that has stood for 23 years.

First round: Juventus 2-0.

Cum'land v. Victoria

BAILEY RESERVE

Referee: A. Hankinson

The relegation struggle will reach the peak of intensity as Victoria accepts their final challenge to their first division status.

Spurred on by the fact that their relegation bed-fellows, Polonia and Birkalla face potentially tougher opponents, Victoria could shock with a face-saving win.

First round: 2-2.

Hellas v. Birkalla

HINDMARSH STADIUM

Referee: D. Gardner

Birkalla could start this important game with a psychological advantage because of their previous win over Hellas this year.

Losses to Polonia and Victoria and a draw to Birkalla would be sufficient to save the Rovers from demotion but Hellas are combining too brilliantly to drop a point.

First round: Birkalla 2-1.

Polonia v. Budapest

CROYDON PARK

Referee: K. Candy

Charles Dickens had no greater expectations than Budapest who will be hoping that Juventus crash to enable them to snatch the premiership.

Polonia unhappily stand in the way of this ambition and as their place in first division is in jeopardy, this makes their contract harder.

The youthful Polonia side are certain to spring a last ditch effort but Budapest's overall strength should win the day.

First round: Budapest 3-0.

Enfield v. Austria

ENFIELD RESERVE

Referee: J. Wharton.

Only a Croatia victory over Juventus, allied to an Enfield win, could rob Austria of an Australia Cup chance.

Both these sides play attractive, speedy soccer and this game should be a thriller with Austria's more prolific attack probably netting a winning score.

First round: Austria 3-1.

BIG TWO IN SA WIN IN A TROT

With three games drawn only Juventus and Budapest gained maximum points last Saturday.

DETAILS:

Budapest v. C'land 4-0

Budapest survived a spirited Cumberland first half bid to over-run the district side and score their biggest winning margin of the season.

Scorers: Matiscsak 3, Herczeg for Budapest.

Juventus v. Victoria 4-1

Juventus broke a three-week winning brought to crush Victoria and leave them stranded in bottom position with only one game left to play.

Scorers: Russo, Cooper, Govelli, Crawford for Juventus; Millar for Victoria.

Austria v. Hellas 2-2

Hellas, with Worthington, De Lyster and Jaksa in scintillating forward form, ran quickly to a two-goal lead but Austria tenacious to the thrill-packed end, deservedly equalised four minutes from the final whistle.

Scorers: Eichmann, Lepapis for Austria; Worthington, Jaksa for Hellas.

Polonia v. Birkalla 2-2

Although Polonia often dictated the trend of play, Birkalla were always in front on the scoreboard until a defensive error cost them a point and possibly their place in first division.

Scorers: Miller, Campbell for Polonia; Sutherland, Jones for Birkalla.

Croatia v. Enfield 0-0

Two meetings for two draws proves the evenness of these sides.

Croatia defended soundly despite the absence of sheet-anchor Billy Graham but inadequate forward play was rife on both sides.

SCOREBOARD

SA First Division

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	**11**	**4**	**2**	**36**	**14**	**26**
Budapest	**10**	**5**	**2**	**35**	**18**	**25**
Austria	**9**	**2**	**6**	**37**	**31**	**20**
Croatia	**8**	**3**	**6**	**27**	**26**	**19**
Hellas	6	5	6	31	28	17
Enfield	5	6	6	29	30	16
Cum'land	7	1	9	31	34	15
Polonia	3	5	9	28	44	11
Birkalla	4	3	10	21	34	11
Victoria	4	2	11	25	42	10

SA Second Division

	W	D	L	F	A	P
USC Lion	**14**	**--**	**1**	**58**	**10**	**28**
Malta U.	**10**	**3**	**2**	**45**	**16**	**23**
Edinburgh	**9**	**2**	**4**	**41**	**24**	**20**
Pt. Adel.	**8**	**4**	**3**	**27**	**24**	**20**
W.R.E.	3	7	5	16	31	13
Elizabeth	4	4	7	23	25	12
Beograd	4	3	8	21	31	11
Napoli	4	2	9	27	35	10
Orange-S.	3	2	10	12	38	8
Salisbury	1	3	11	18	54	5

Goalscorers:

L. Matiscsak	(Budapest)	22
J. Baines	(Austria)	16
C. McRae	(Enfield)	10
W. Slager	(Croatia)	10
V. Eichmann	(Austria)	10
J. Miller	(Polonia)	10

Crisp Comments

The pending resignation of three leading club officials and the relegation of two clubs to second division will mean that the first division management committee will have five new committeemen next year.

The club officials who will relinquish office are: Juventus secretary, Joe Linarello, Budapest chairman, Steve Fangler and Croatia secretary, John Klarich.

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Birkalla captain Rab Jones has offered his services to Juventus.

The State player has been the driving force behind Birkalla ever since his promotion from their junior ranks.

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Cumberland has signed Brian Donahue, a former Folkestone League amateur and are awaiting his clearance.

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A threatened boycott of the Austria v. Hellas game by the Greek community was averted by Hellas officials last Saturday.

A group of Hellas supporters, angered by Austria's claim that Udo Joschke is not correctly registered with Hellas, stood outside Bailey Reserve and attempted to organise a a boycott.

The attempt would have been successful but for Hellas officials who pleaded with supporters to come in and see the game.

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USC Lion clinched promotion to first division with a convincing victory over Beograd last Saturday.

With three rounds left to complete the second division season, Lion now command an unassailable lead.

Only an unaccountable lapse can deny Malta United joining Lion as Malta are three points clear of Edinburgh and Port Adelaide.

JUVENTUS NOW FAVORED TO WIN LEAGUE TITLE

With a crushing win over Melbourne, the powerful Juventus look poised to take out the 1964 premiership.

At the other end of the table Alexander, through their defeat by Lions look well and truly doomed and only a miracle can save them.

Juvent. v. M'bourne 5-2

In arrears after eight minutes, Juventus soon equalised and from then on not only kept in front throughout but dominated the game, particularly in the second half.

Their tactics of forcing the pace paid rich dividends as they capitalized on every scoring opportunity presented.

Scorers: Scott (2), Higgins, Oxton and Hartley (pen.) for Juventus; Malloy (2) for Melbourne.

G. Cross v. Triestina 4-0

George Cross won this in a canter — in the first half when they piled on four goals without reply.

Triestina never looked capable of outwitting a safe George Cross defence and with the exception of 'keeper Grosz and inside man Gow they looked third-raters.

Scorers: Copeland (2), Stevenson and Campbell for George Cross.

Lions v. Alexander 2-1

Lions hoisted themselves to safety and put Alexander deeper in the relegation mire with their odd goal win at Essendon.

Once again, as so often in the past, it was left to Kurt Beinroth the former Prague player to clinch the game for the home side when he scored both goals.

Scorers: Beinroth (2) for Lions; Cairns for Alexander.

Hakoah v. Slavia 1-0

A grim and determined struggle throughout with the result in doubt until the final whistle.

Playing Slavia at their own game — tight defensive play and spasmodic breakaways — Hakoah impressed with their steadiness all through.

Scorer: McQuillan for Hakoah.

Wilhelmina v. Polonia

Postponed because of the condition of Jubilee Park, Ringwood.

JUST v. S.M. Hellas 2-1

The Greek side provided the bulk of the 12,000 crowd but the unaffected JUST caused the shock of the weekend by grabbing both points and moving into second position.

In a fighting second half highlighted by many near misses by both sides, superb defending by Rict and Fode gave the Footscray side both points.

Scorers: Pegovic and Pikl for JUST; Mandalis for SM Hellas.

Victorian table

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	**10**	**4**	**3**	**34**	**20**	**24**
JUST	**9**	**5**	**3**	**25**	**22**	**23**
Slavia	**9**	**4**	**4**	**26**	**20**	**22**
S.M. Hellas	**9**	**3**	**5**	**43**	**37**	**21**
G. Cross	8	4	5	31	22	20
Polonia	6	4	5	33	19	16
Hakoah	6	4	7	38	36	16
Melbourne	6	2	9	35	44	14
Wilhelmina	5	3	8	27	34	13
Lions	4	5	7	31	36	13
Triestina	4	3	10	15	33	11
Alexander	3	1	13	18	38	7

SPOTLIGHT on MELBOURNE

Polonia, still hoping of making the Australia Cup, have a stiff program ahead as they have two postponed games to play.

The first against Lions will be played on Wednesday night at South Melbourne Cricket Ground.

The fixtures committee may set a date this week for the Wilhelmina v. Polonia match which was cancelled last Saturday.

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Steve Mokone the Geo. Cross player-coach has received word that his wife was involved in a car accident in Canada.

The worried African has so far not had full details.

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SM Hellas expect new centre forward Ernie Ackerley, formerly of Manchester United and Barrow, to arrive this month.

Ernie is a cousin of Stan Ackerley the former Slavia full back who is now with APIA.

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It was a bad day for the Irish . . .

Sammy Service, the Alexander goalie against Lions, first collided with the goal post and had to receive attention.

Midway through the second half, he got sent off following a tussle with Beinroth, the Lions centre.

Full back George Glennie took over in goal.

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David Meechan the Slavia centre who cleared off to Sydney a few weeks ago returned to Melbourne and took his usual place in the side against Hakoah.

It was no dream comeback for Meechan as he was kept on a tight rein by Hakoah centre half Latto.

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Out of Hakoah's six wins this season, right winger Benny McQuillan has scored their winning goal on four occasions.

Polonia, JUST to make bids for Aust. Cup run

— *From Bob Low in Melbourne* —

The race is really on for the 1964 premiership and the top placings that ensure a run in the Australia Cup.

This weekend the pairing of Slavia v. Juventus, SM Hellas v. George Cross and Melbourne v. JUST could provide a better clue as to the ultimate placings.

Melbourne v. JUST

In their second successive Saturday visit to Olympic Park, Melbourne may do better, but their bright middle of the season spell has tapered off, mainly because of the ineffectiveness of inside forwards, Hanlon and Moyano.

Coming here with big reputations, both have disappointed.

JUST, back to form and intent on retaining premiership, look too good all-round for Melbourne.

My tip: JUST.

Triestina v. Wil'mina

This is Triestina's big chance to grab a couple of points which would almost certainly ensure their survival in the State League.

The Italians, sadly lacking in class and experience, should not be overawed by Wilhelmina.

The uneven surface at Moreland is likely to play tricks with the ball and perhaps leave the result in doubt until late in the game.

My tip: Triestina.

Polonia v. Lions

Polonia, two games behind in their league programme and still with a chance of making the Australia Cup, are on extremely dangerous ground against Lions.

Nothing short of a tip-top performance by the former glamor side of the league will be good enough to account for Lions which are revelling in continued success.

Superiority in skill by Polonia will be offset by the snappy Lions who turn every scoring opportunity into account.

My tip: Polonia.

Alexander v. Hakoah

This could be Alexander's last chance of salvaging their State League status.

Unless they radically change their tactics they will get nowhere fast against Hakoah who have settled down to a more than useful combination.

The Greeks lack steadiness and poise and are inclined all too often to throw everything into attack.

This could be fatal against goal-hugry forwards like Keenan and McIvor.

My tip: Hakoah.

Slavia v. Juventus

Pointless in their last two outings and conceding four goals without reply indicate that Slavia are on the way down.

But despite the setbacks don't write them off for the Australia Cup.

This Sunday at Olympic Park their fate in the national competition could hinge on how they fare with Juventus.

But unless they can revitalize their punchless attack, they can't hold out much hope against Juventus who are on the crest of the wave.

With tons of confidence and spirit the league leaders should retain their position.

My tip: Juventus.

SM Hellas v. G. Cross

A 10,000 crowd at Middle Park is likely to see this star attraction of the day.

The stronger Hellas attack may make it hot for the normally steady Cross defence, especially as the Greeks are better built physically.

With a hot pace all through assured the game can swing either way but it could be close at the finish.

My tip: SM Hellas.

Sydney junior team has to come from Fed. clubs

The NSW Federation has again embarked on most unsatisfactory selection methods to choose the NSW squad for the Australian Under-19 championship which will be held at Adelaide in October.

Last year's preposterous selection system is being repeated although it proved a costly folly.

By Lou Gautier

The Federation have invited all senior first and second division clubs as well as the metropolitan junior associations and Protestant Churches' Association to nominate players for the NSW squad.

This means that selectors will have to sort out some 50-odd players before a final squad is chosen for Adelaide.

Last season, a Federation team played a combined junior associations' side in a series of selection matches and thrashed it by huge margins.

Consequently the NSW team, which went on to win the national title, only comprised two players from junior associations, all the others being first division first or second graders.

Why involve the metropolitan junior associations and the non-affiliated Protestant Churches in the selection of the team at all?

Is it not quite obvious that all players in the NSW squad must come from Federation clubs if the strongest team is to be picked?

After all, if there were some really gifted, representative class, players in the junior associations would they not be playing for the senior Federation clubs?

Is it not a fact that the third grade teams of Canterbury, Budapest, APIA, South Coast or Bankstown are much stronger than any representative junior association side?

Dear sacrifice

Take the case of Hakoah's NSW squad nominations for instance.

The club nominated seven top players under 19 years of age, omitting a player of the calibre of Lissing who certainly is a far better player than the vast majority of the junior association or Protestant Churches' nominees.

Why should better Federation players be sacrificed just to pacify the junior associations, who never cooperate with the senior clubs anyway and even show open hostility?

The whole idea behind making this year's junior championships an Under-19 event was to untilise the same players as last year.

The Australian Federation, at its annual meeting earlier this year, pledged to stage an under-20 national series next year and under-21 the following year in a bid to keep the junior teams together over a period of years.

This would enable Australia to have a reservoir of young players when it made its debut on the international stage.

In Sydney this progressive concept is in danger of being thrown overboard by the Federation's policy of appeasement towards the junior associations.

The NSW team for Adelaide cannot be and must not be anything else but: Rorke; Scahill, Conlon; McKnight, Thomson, Tolson; Fekete, Yaager, Bell, Clarke (or Wilcox), Patterson.

This is, with one exception, the team which won the 1963 Under-18 national title so convincingly.

Talents wasted

The NSW team which took out the Australian championship without losing a match last year was hailed as the greatest collection of junior talent ever assembled in this country.

It is interesting to see what happened to the players in the 1963 squad this season.

Have they fulfilled their great promise, improved, or have they faded into oblivion?

Bill Rorke established himself as Bankstown's regular first grade goalkeeper although his form has suffered lately.

MAX TOLSON (SCU)

Conlon and **Sutherland,** the fullbacks, are not having very distinguished seasons.

Conlon played in the Ampol Cup for South Coast United and also in the first three competition rounds but he has now been relegated to the third team while Cumberland's Sutherland is just another second grader.

Of the half-back line of **McKnight, Thomson** and **Tolson,** the latter is the only regular first team player, being regarded by Jim Kelly as a player of great potential.

The Hakoah pair of McKnight and Thomson each played in the first three competition rounds but were unceremoniously dropped when Hakoah reinforced themselves with British imports.

Both, however, are in top form and are playing a big part in Hakoah's second grade dominance.

Of last year's brilliant forwards only **Yaager,** the blond Canterbury inside-right, has played practically the whole season in the first team.

Yaager has developed into one of the better class Sydney forwards and "carries" the Berries' forward division on his youthful shoulders.

Bob Fekete has been plagued with injuries and it's only in the last few weeks that he has come back into the first team after a long lay-off.

Fekete has fulfilled some of the big promise shown last year and should again be NSW's key player in the national championship.

The other forwards of 1963 — **Sandell, Bell, Clarke, Beattie, Wilcox** and **Patterson** — have had mixed fortunes this season.

Star dropped

Sandell only played in the first match of the season, then was dropped to reserve grade where he is having a very quiet season.

His chances of selection in the final squad are remote.

South Coast's Beattie and Patterson both made one first team appearance for the provincials but were not up to scratch.

Bob Wilcox was snapped up by Canterbury from the Petersham junior club after scoring NSW's two goals in the match against South Australia, but did not prove the answer to their prayers.

Wilcox played nine games for Canterbury but was dropped for most of the second round matches, and now plays in Canterbury's great third grade side.

Bell and Clarke, the Hakoah youngsters are in top form.

Clarke, however, never made the first team this season but Mick Bell was chosen seven times in the firsts, scoring a vital goal two weeks ago against Croatia.

The overall picture one gets from the performances of last year's Australian junior champions is that none has really reached big time in Sydney soccer, not even Yaager despite his good record this year as his task is easier in a mediocre team.

Rorke, Fekete, Bell and Tolson are really no better than in 1963 and some-Patterson, Beattie, Sandell—have slipped instead of progressing.

Kelly's example

But what is more galling is that the majority of these youngsters have not been given a chance to prove themselves in big time.

One bad performance, and they're dropped . . .

Unless these talented lads are persevered with, they will lose interest and fade away, never fulfilling their great potential.

Jim Kelly fully grasped this by keeping Tolson in the first team despite a shaky start to the season.

Tolson has improved week after week and is now an integral part of South Coast's team.

Tolson's team-mates in the NSW Under-18 team are just as good as him, but their tragedy, and the tragedy of Sydney soccer, is that they are the victims of the clubs' mania of importing players from overseas, some of whom are of a poorer standard than the local product.

Unless the clubs realise their folly, NSW can keep on winning the national junior title year after year without the players ever bursting into the limelight and filling the boots of the aging stars.

NZ "Cup-Kings" slain by small Mt. Roskill

— From WAYNE FLAVELL, in Auckland —

The King is dead. For the first time since 1958, an Auckland club has eliminated the "Cup-Kings", North Shore United, in New Zealand's Chatham Cup.

NSU, with four finals and two Cup wins to their credit in the last five years, were eliminated 3-2 by a Ray Darby goal in the closing minutes of extra time.

And so, for the first time in their 12-year history, Mt. Roskill of Auckland have reached beyond the Auckland provincial final of the Cup.

The result was a minor surprise in Auckland, and to the rest of the country it will be an even bigger one.

NSU have for so long taken the Cup burden of the North Island upon their shoulders that southerners can be pardoned for forgetting that there are other clubs in Auckland.

Mt. Roskill are a club which seldom makes headlines.

True, they have NZ international John Kemp in the backs and Kiwi inside forward Ron Cochrane in their ranks plus of course Tony Cozens, one of the best NZ goalkeepers as yet uncapped.

Yet apart from their first season in Division I, when they nearly became champions of Auckland, they have been out of the limelight.

Mt. Roskill AFC were formed in 1952, and share their home ground, Seymour Park with Eden AFC.

They played in second division until 1958 when they signed on star forward Ken Fleet.

Under his guidance, a conspicuously youthful team won promotion.

The club is known as a "Kiwi" club, both because it won promotion with a largely native team and because it likes to foster its own juniors.

Of their crack under-18 team of 1961, three have figured in the top team this year, although only winger Bruce Leuschke is a regular.

However, the club has several players transferred from other clubs.

Goalkeeper Cozens and his brother, right-winger Geoff, were only two of the many fine players to have left Point Chevalier in recent years, while Ray Darby, thrustful centre-forward, came from Eastern Suburbs after a spell with Blockhouse Bay.

Leyton Orient player available

Raymond Pearce, an Englishman with good overseas experience, is on the look-out for a Sydney club.

Pearce, 24, is an inside-forward who played for London club Leyton Orient before migrating to Australia.

He has been in Australia for six months and has not joined any club because he has been getting fit on his own.

Pearce is now in top condition and rearing to go.

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Law may go to R. Madrid, Baxter stays in Rangers

Glasgow Rangers fans can relax: their idol, Jim Baxter, clown prince of Scottish football — and rated as one of the finest wing halves in the world — has decided to stay.

Several big English clubs were after his transfer, one of them offering £A160,000 for Jimmy.

From DEREK HILL in London.

But the tall, slim and elegant Baxter has decided that his future lies in Glasgow—and more particularly, in Rangers.

The club's regular centre forward, Jimmy Millar will start the season with a four-week suspension—a carry over from last year.

However, Rangers officials are not worried: the brilliant young reserve Jim Forrest will be ready to play his heart out in an attempt to keep the position for himself.

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Alick Jeffrey is tipped to have his best ever season with Doncaster Rovers in 1964-65.

The burly inside left has trimmed down his weight and is superbly fit.

Since his return from Australia Doncaster's attendances have jumped and the team's fortunes have also improved.

Now under their new player-coach, Bill Leivers (ex-Manchester City), they may give the Fourth Division a shake.

New players signed are Jack Marsden (Carlisle), Ken Oxford (Derby County), John Henderson (Exeter City) and Jimmy Watton (Port Vale).

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By the time the season opens, Everton may have a different team from the one that toured Australia.

Stars Jimmy Gabriel and Roy Vernon are dissatisfied with the new contract offered to them by the club.

Gabriel has already asked for a transfer while Vernon is seriously considering of doing so.

Both should command huge transfer fees—if Everlets them go.

One who has left Everton since their return from Down Under is Irish fullback Mick Meagan: he went to Huddersfield in part-exchange for England fullback international Ray Wilson.

To get Wilson, Everton also had to fork out £A32,000 in cash . . .

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Two Leicester City stars have refused to re-sign and are keen to leave.

One is England goalie Gordon Banks and the other wing half Frank McLintock.

Both asked for better financial terms from their club and received none.

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Manchester City (II. division), will fly some 5,000 miles to 11 of their away matches next winter.

This club is now determined to switch to air travel which they consider cheaper and more comfortable.

In the past the team had to set out by train on Friday, spend two nights at the hotel and travel back on Sunday morning.

Now the team will leave on Saturday morning and the players will be home in the evening.

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London grapevines spread the word that Real Madrid boss Don Santiago Bernabeu has finally found the man to replace the retiring great Alfredo Di Stefano.

The man? Manchester United's brilliant Scot, Denis Law.

He would fit into the Real attack perfectly and would be able to perform the same work Di Stefano was doing for years: cover the whole field from goal to goal, set up the goals—and score them.

Manchester deny the rumors but unofficially let it be known that for about £A170,000 Law could go.

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Many lower division English league clubs can thank their survivals to the generous help of their Supporters' Clubs.

Take little Bradford (IV. division), for example: since 1957 their Supporters' Club, Sportsman's Association and Auxiliary have handed over £A120,000 to the club.

In the last 12 months alone £A12,000 has ben raised . . .

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Fulham skipper Johnny Haynes wants to regain his place in the England team.

And with manager Ramsey visibly worried over the performance of his inside forwards, Haynes could accomplish the feat.

His last international was two years ago in Chile. Then a car crash threw him out of gear.

Although last year he returned to the Fulham side, the old brilliance was gone.

Now Haynes has been training all summer at Craven Cottage and by the beginning of the season should be jumping out his skin.

LOPSIDED DRAW HITS CROWDS

Only 16,500 spectators watched last weekend's Sydney first division competition despite excellent matches.

The obvious reason for the poor attendances was the lopsided draw.

The worst possible matches were played on Saturday (Corinthians v. Bankstown and Croatia v. Canterbury), only involving the bottom four teams while on Sunday there were four matches in Sydney, including three in the City within a two-mile radius of one other.

Yugal certainly did not make any friends by obstinately refusing to play against Hakoah on Saturday, insisting that they would get a bigger crowd on Sunday.

As things turned out, their match at the Marks Field, despite its vital importance, only attracted 2,600 people and the club lost money.

When these teams met in a deferred first round match four weeks ago at Wentworth Park, on Saturday, there was a crowd of 3,500.

Bankstown and Corinthians drew the second smallest crowd of the season when only 215 people saw their match at Drummoyne on Saturday.

The smallest crowd this year was 190 for the deferred Bankstown v. Canterbury game at the Marks Field six weeks ago.

MALTA SEEKS LATE JUSTICE

The Maltese FA are insisting FIFA re-open the question of transfer fees for Maltese players who came to Australia during the period of our suspension.

Malta claims that eight players are now in Australia without proper clearances, mainly in Victoria.

The FIFA Executive warned Australia in December 1963, when Sir Stanley Rous, Dr. Barassi and Dr. Kaser were here, that Australia had to declare all non-amateur and professional players who were registered in Australia at the date of the settlement.

So far only Queensland, South Australia and NSW have done so, which means that FIFA headquarters in Zurich are unable to check on any claims made by a member association about players alleged to be in Australia unlawfully.

The following Maltese players are still unaccounted for to FIFA although their names will testify that they are well known in Australian soccer: Paul Zammit; Vincent Muscat; Joseph Agius; Alfred Abela; Joseph Dimech; Anthony Cassar; Agostino Barbara; Carmello Gatt.

The Chairman of the FIFA's Players' Qualification Committee is coming to Australia soon to investigate on the position of these Maltese players and Australia could once again be in serious trouble if it is proved that these Maltese have not been accounted for when the FIFA ban on Australia was lifted.

CANADIANS ALSO HAVE SOME GROWING PAINS

Let's not complain about the interference of some club officials in the actual running of our teams in Sydney: things could be worse.

Take Canada where Hamilton Steelers are creating headlines just now.

Five players of the club have quit while the others said they wouldn't take the field — because they had not been paid.

Joe Klatsen, a Hungarian-born Canadian businessman who purchased the team earlier this year (yes, purchased), owes most players large back wages.

As a protest, coach Alex Polgar (no relation to APIA's Gyula Polgar) and team manager Andrew Szalay have also resigned.

Klatsen is reported to have run up a debt of some £10,000 and owes the players another £700.

However, Klatsen is full of optimism: he is hoping to lure Real Madrid's Ferenc Puskas to Canada for a six-match appearance with the Steelers in a bid to clear up his financial difficulties.

As a matter of added interest: Hamilton Steelers' left winger is Zoltan Czibor, the ex-Hungarian international and ex-Barcelona star.

And as many pepole know, Puskas and Czibor were not even on speaking terms while playing in the same club team (Honved) and for Hungary . . .

Poor Klatsen, maybe he is the only one who doesn't know about this . . .

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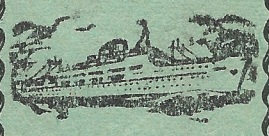

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